

Lecture |5>: The Matrix (1/3)

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Topics: Complex linear algebra and The Matrix

Quantum gates are linear maps that keep the total probability equal to 1.

$$U|\psi\rangle = \alpha U|0\rangle + \beta U|1\rangle$$

where U is a unitary matrix.

Videos

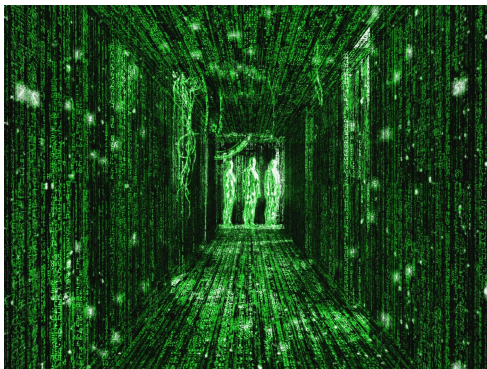
Video ²² (5 min): The Matrix - Neo sees the MatrixVideo ²³ (5 min): What is The Matrix?Video ²⁴ (10 min): The Story of The Architect | MATRIX EXPLAINEDVideo ²⁵ (5 min): The Complete Matrix TimelineVideo ²⁶ (20 min): You are a Simulation & Physics Can Prove It: George Smoot at TEDxSalford

Figure 8: (Credit: The Matrix)

²²<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pYyzolIN3I>

²³<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5b0ZxUWNf0>

²⁴<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI4PHI8xLVo>

²⁵<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10N7juslqcc>

²⁶<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chfoo9NBEow>

Outline

- (Complex) Linear algebra
- Vectors for Qubit
- Matrices for Quantum Gates

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Chapter 2 Linear Algebra.

13 Vectors for Qubit

Superposition: Qubit

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$$

where amplitudes $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ satisfy that $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$.

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{|0\rangle} + \beta \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{|1\rangle} \quad (18)$$

$$\text{Linearity of function: } f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y).$$

Examples: "plus", "minus", "i", and "minus i", ket and bra representations.

$$\begin{aligned} |+\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle), & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ |-\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle), & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ |i\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + i|1\rangle), & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}, & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \\ |-i\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - i|1\rangle), & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}, & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

14 One-Qubit Gates

A quantum gate is *linear*, recall the linearity of function such that

$$\text{Linearity of function: } f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y).$$

We can distribute U across a superposition state (qubit) $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$ as follows (pp. 99):

$$U|\psi\rangle = \alpha U|0\rangle + \beta U|1\rangle \quad (20)$$

Probability-preserving linear maps.

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Section 3.3.2 and Lab1: I, X, Y, Z, S, T, H

Gate	Action on Computational Basis	Matrix Representation
Identity	$I 0\rangle = 0\rangle$ $I 1\rangle = 1\rangle$	$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
Pauli X	$X 0\rangle = 1\rangle$ $X 1\rangle = 0\rangle$	$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
Pauli Y	$Y 0\rangle = i 1\rangle$ $Y 1\rangle = -i 0\rangle$	$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
Pauli Z	$Z 0\rangle = 0\rangle$ $Z 1\rangle = - 1\rangle$	$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
Phase S	$S 0\rangle = 0\rangle$ $S 1\rangle = i 1\rangle$	$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$
T	$T 0\rangle = 0\rangle$ $T 1\rangle = e^{i\pi/4} 1\rangle$	$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{pmatrix}$
Hadamard H	$H 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0\rangle + 1\rangle)$ $H 1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0\rangle - 1\rangle)$	$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Figure 9: Common one-qubit gates as matrices

Scott Aaronson: *Quantum mechanics (QM) resembles an operating system on which the rest of Physics is running its application software.*²⁷

²⁷Except for general relativity “which has not yet been successfully ported to this particular OS”